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TRENTON, N. J., OCTOBER 15th, 1872.

The Synod of New Jersey met pursuant to adjournment, in the Third Presbyterian Church in this City, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon from the Gospel by Matthew, the 22d Chapter, 35th to the 38th verses, inclusive, by the Rev. Robert Aikman, the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTERS.

NONE.

ELDERS.

NONE.

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From the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS.

Rev. H. W. HUNT,	Rev. WM. C. ROBERTS, D. D.,
“ WM. W. BLAUVELT, D. D.,	“ JAMES B. PATTERSON,
“ SAM'L S. SHEDDAN, D. D.,	“ JOHN EWING,
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“ J. G. WILLIAMSON,	“ AARON PECK,
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“ G. S. PLUMLEY,	“ CHARLES A. BRIGGS,
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Rev. EDWARD HARVEY.	

ELDERS.

Mr. CORNELIUS SLOAN,	from..	Lamington.
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" JOSEPH CORY,	"	Westfield.
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" J. E. MARSH,	"	First Elizabeth.
" CORNELIUS VOORHEES,	"	Metuchen.
" KEEN PRUDEN,	"	Second Elizabeth.
" JOSEPH CROSS,	"	Westminster, Elizabeth.
" THOMAS SHAFER,	"	Second Rahway.
" D. WOODRUFF,	"	Third Elizabeth.
" N. G. FOSTER,	"	Cranford.
" A. D. HOPE,	"	Roselle.
" JOHN A. REED,	"	Dunellen.
" JOHN LITTELL,	"	New Providence.
" J. C. WILLIAMS,	"	Siloam.
" W. S. SMITH,	"	Springfield.

From the Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS.

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" JEREMIAH H. HALSEY,	"	First Bergen.
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" G. W. SHERMAN,	"	First Hoboken.
" W. R. VERMILYE,	"	Englewood.
" J. H. BROCKING,	"	Carlstadt.
" JAMES DUNN,	"	Prospect Ave., J. City.
" ROBERT SLATER,	"	Lake View.

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MINISTERS.

Rev. ISAAC TODD,	Rev. JOHN L. KEHO,
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" RUFUS TAYLOR, D. D.,	" W. M. WELLS,
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" A. H. DASHIELL, Jr.,	" M. L. HOFFORD,
" JESSE B. DAVIS,	" J. S. VAN DYKE,
" E. J. PIERCE,	" J. R. BURTT,
" D. H. KAUFMAN,	" EDWARD B. HODGE,
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" A. P. COBB,	" SAM'L R. ANDERSON,
" FRANK CHANDLER,	" HENRY R. HALL,
Rev. WM. G. CAIRNES.	

ELDERS.

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" WM. R. MURPHEY,	"	Bordentown.
" SAM'L SEMPLE, Jr.,	"	Mount Holly.
" D. WYCKOFF,	"	Shrewsbury.
" S. F. BLACKMAN,	"	Bricksburgh.
" THOMAS McDONALD,	"	Hightstown.
" JOSEPH COMBS,	"	Tennent.
" BENJAMIN GRIGGS,	"	Matawan.
" D. G. PERRINE,	"	First Cranbury.
" G. W. SOLOMON,	"	Freehold.
" JAMES P. DEHART,	"	Jamesburg.
" WM. S. DEY,	"	Second Cranbury.

Mr. AARON HUTCHINS,	from..	Burlington.
“ JOHN VAN DOREN,.....	“	Manalapan.
“ RICHARD McDOWELL,.....	“	Dayton.
“ B. SOPP,.....	“	Tuckerton.
“ H. B. CARPENTER,.....	“	Beverly.
“ J. R. IRONS,.....	“	New Egypt.
“ H. L. OTTERSON,.....	“	Cream Ridge.
“ J. C. VANDERBEEK,	“	Montana.
“ T. F. PRUDEN,	“	Tom's River.
“ F. S. IRVING,.....	“	Delanco.

From the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS.

Rev. JOSEPH M. OGDEN, D. D.,	Rev. D. KERR FREEMAN,
“ B. C. MEGIE,	“ J. A. BLAUVELT,
“ D. E. MEGIE,	“ ROBERT S. FEAGLES,
“ JOHN R. WILLOX,	“ ELDRIDGE MIX,
“ D. MCGEE BARDWELL,	“ ALFRED YEOMANS,
“ ROBERT AIKMAN,	“ DANIEL W. FOX,
“ NATHANIEL CONKLIN,	“ JOHN A. FRENCH,
“ CHAS. C. PARKER, D. D.,	“ JAMES A. FERGUSON,
“ O. H. PERRY DEYO,	“ JOHN HEBERLE,
“ JAMES F. BREWSTER,	“ JOHN H. WORCESTER.

ELDERS.

Mr. H. B. DAY,.....	from..	Chatham.
“ EPHRAIM LINDSLEY,	“	Dover.
“ D. H. SMITH,.....	“	Boonton.
“ TIMOTHY COOK,	“	Whippany.
“ JOSEPH C. POTTS,.....	“	Madison.
“ HENRY BEDELL,.....	“	New Vernon.
“ W. A. CONDIT,	“	Parsippany.
“ S. S. BEACH,	“	Rockaway.
“ J. R. CHAMBERLIN,	“	Second Mendham.
“ F. H. ABBOT,	“	Orange Central.
“ J. W. ROBERTS,	“	Morristown, South St.
“ JOEL DAVIS,	“	First Morristown.

Mr. G. H. THOMPSON,.....	from..	First Mendham.
" STEPHEN M. PECK,.....	"	Hanover.
" AARON B. BROWN,.....	"	South Orange.
" DAVID NEIGHBOUR,.....	"	Lower Valley.

From the Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS.

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" A. COGGSWELL FRISSELL,	" CHAS. T. BERRY,
" JOSEPH FEW SMITH, D. D.,	" CHAS. E. KNOX,
" JOHN WARD,	" CLARENCE EDDY,
" J. ROMEYN BERRY, D. D.,	" MARTIN F. HOLLESTER.
" J. U. GUENTHER,	" WILLIAM H. MORRIS,
Rev. GEORGE BRAYTON.	

ELDERS.

Mr. F. W. BALDWIN,.....	from..	Newark, First.
" F. WOOLCOTT JACKSON,.....	"	Newark, South Park.
" GEO. B. SEARS,.....	"	Newark, High Street.
" A. O. PRICE,.....	"	Newark, Central.
" J. REEVE SAYRE.....	"	Newark, Second.
" DANIEL PRICE,.....	"	Newark, Third.
" P. DOREMUS,.....	"	Montclair.
" F. K. HOWELL,.....	"	Newark, Park Street.
" R. BLAKE,	"	Newark, Roseville.
" PHILIP HARRISON,.....	"	Caldwell.
" M. W. DODD,.....	"	Bloomfield.
" DAVID BOND,.....	"	Lyons Farms.
" E. F. DORRANCE, ..	"	Calvary, Newark.
" JOB HAINES,	"	Newark, Sixth.
" A. MANDEVILLE,.....	"	Newark, Plane Street.
" J. E. HUNTINGTON,.....	"	Wickliffe Church.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS.

Rev. R. K. RODGERS, D. D.,	Rev. S. M. HAMILL, D. D.,
“ HUGH HAMILL, D. D.,	“ P. A. STUDDIFORD.
“ JAS. M. MACDONALD, D. D.,	“ ROBERT S. MANNING.
“ STEPHEN R. WYNKOOP,	“ A. D. L. JEWETT, D. D.,
“ BENJAMIN CARRELL,	“ AMZI ARMSTRONG,
“ GEORGE HALE, D. D.,	“ S. M. STUDDIFORD,
“ LYMAN H. ATWATER, D. D.,	“ JOHN BURROWS,
“ JOHN M. ROGERS,	“ JOHN S. GILMER,
“ GEORGE SHELDON, D. D.,	“ JOHN H. SCOFIELD,
“ JOHN HALL, D. D.,	“ JAMES H. KENNEDY,
“ NATHAN S. ALLER,	“ J. D. RANDOLPH,
“ JOSEPH R. MANN, D. D.,	“ WM. HARRIS,
“ R. H. RICHARDSON, D. D.,	“ GEORGE L. SMITH,
“ ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D. D.,	“ DANIEL R. FOSTER,
“ SPENCER L. FINNEY,	“ WILLIAM SWAN,
“ JAMES STEBBINS,	“ J. V. W. SCHENCK,
	Rev. JOHN HEWITT.

ELDERS.

Mr. R. S. GARRITSON,	from	Bound Brook.
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“ WM. J. OWENS,	“	First Trenton.
“ A. A. HUTCHINSON,	“	Fourth Trenton.
“ FRANKLIN DEY,	“	Lawrenceville.
“ S. APGAR,	“	Alexandria.
“ E. R. BULLOCK,	“	Flemington.
“ P. S. PIDCOCK,	“	Lambertsville.
“ WILLIAM RUST,	“	First New Brunswick.
“ ISAAC J. SNEDEKER,	“	Dutch Neck.
“ JOSEPH G. BREARLEY,	“	Third Trenton.
“ GEORGE CARPENTER,	“	Milford.
“ CHAS. H. HUNT,	“	Titusville.
“ JOHN Y. BELLIS,	“	Amwell, First.
“ A. S. DRAKE,	“	Trenton, Second.
“ JOHN CASE,	“	Frenchtown.
“ R. H. WILSON,	“	Amwell, Second.

Mr. RANDOLPH S. HUNT, from . . Ewing.
 " JOHN E. BURD, " Pennington.
 " WILLIAM B. CASE, " Stockton.

From the Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

Rev. T. B. CONDIT,	Rev. THOMAS McCAULEY,
" JAMES PETRIE.	" H. BROWN SCOTT,
" ANDREW TULLY,	" THEODORE L. BYINGTON,
" JAMES McWILLIAM,	" ALANSON A. HAINES,
" EDWARD WEBB,	" WM. B. MCKEE,
" J. KERBY DAVIS,	" THOMAS A. SANSON,
" EPHRAIM SIMANTON,	" ALEXANDER M. JELLEY,
" MYRON BARRET,	" HENRY B. TOWNSEND,
" HENRY E. SPAYD,	" E. CLARK CLINE,
" JAMES M. ANDERSON,	" THOMAS S. LONG,
" DAN'L F. LOCKERBY,	" DAVID CONWAY,
Rev. WILLIAM H. BELDEN.	

ELDERS.

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" WM. M. ILIFF, " Andover.
" J. G. SHIPMAN, " Belvidere, First.
" J. DEWITT, " Harmony.
" J. R. CURTIS, " Hackettstown.
" WM. TINSMAN, " Bloomsburg.
" M. RYERSON, " Newton.
" JOHN L. BROWN, " North Hardiston.
" E. G. RIDDLE, " Musconetcong Valley.
" CHARLES E. VAIL, " Blairstown.
" J. R. VANNATA, " First Mansfield.
" S. M. TEEL, " Phillipsburg.
" S. T. SCRANTON, " Second Oxford.
" WM. H. MORROW, " Belvidere, Second.
" E. WATERS, " Mansfield, Second.
" SAM'L P. KINNEY, " Stewartsville.

Mr. SAM'L A. EVERETT,.....	from..	Branchville.
" B. ROY.....	"	Yellow Frame.
" MARTIN FRITZ,.....	"	Stillwater.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

Rev. MOSES WILLIAMSON,	Rev. LEWIS C. BAKER,
" JAMES L. SCOTT,	" R. HAMILL DAVIS,
" VILLEROY D. REED, D. D.,	" ALEXANDER PROUDFIT,
" F. D. HARRIS,	" F. R. BRACE,
" WILLIAM BANNARD, D. D.,	" HEBER H. BEADLE,
" CASPAR R. GREGORY, D. D.,	" L. E. COYLE,
" WM. W. MCNAIR,	" WM. A. FERGUSON,
" HENRY E. THOMAS,	" GEO. WARRINGTON,
" EDWARD P. SHIELDS,	" JOSEPH D. WILSON,
" JAMES H. CLARK,	" GEO. H. S. CAMPBELL.

ELDERS.

Mr. A. H. STEVENS,.....	from..	Cold Spring.
" J. H. STEVENS,.....	"	First Camden.
" A. BARBER,.....	"	Woodbury.
" HENRY M. RUMSEY,.....	"	Salem.
" JAMES J. REEVES,	"	First Bridgeton.
" CHAS. O. NEWCOMB,	"	Second Cedarville.
" JAS. M. NECOMB,	"	First Cedarville.
" ALEX'R MARSTON,	"	Second Camden.
" JOHN R. ALDERMAN,	"	Woodstown.
" DAVID E. MARTIN,.....	"	Blackwoodtown.
" A. WOODRUFF,	"	Second Bridgeton.
" WM. ELMER,.....	"	West Bridgeton.
" ENOCH MAYHEW,	"	Pittsgrove.

The roll having been called, the Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., of the Presbytery of Monmouth, was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. B. C. Megie and J. B. Davis were chosen Clerks.

The Rev. Wm. P. Breed, Rev. Wm. R. Work, Rev. D. M. James, Rev. M. H. Calkins and the Rev. Jacob Weidman, all of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The committee of arrangements presented a report, recommending that the hours for the Sessions of Synod be as follows, viz: To meet in the morning at nine o'clock—take recess at half-past twelve M.—meet in the afternoon at half-past two—take recess at half-past five o'clock, and meet in the evening at half-past seven, and that the first half hour of the morning Session be spent in devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

They further recommend that on this, (Tuesday,) evening, there be a devotional meeting, having for the topic of consideration the duty of the Church to her children and youth—that the Moderator preside, and that the Rev. Dr. Breed be invited to make the opening address. The report was adopted.

Synod then took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and after devotional exercises, addresses upon the duty of the Church to her children and youth were made by the Rev. Wm. P. Breed, D. D., the Rev. J. Few Smith, D. D., and the Rev. J. A. French.

Synod then adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,
October 16th.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

Present as before together with the Rev. Messrs. John A. Ligget, Edwin H. Reinhart, Edward G. Read, John Ewing and James DeHart of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and Mr. Joseph Keen, Ruling Elder from the Church of Bethle-

hem, Mr. D. H. Cooley, Ruling Elder from the Church of Summit Central, and Mr. William Woodcock, from the Church of Elizabethport of the same Presbytery, Mr. J. M. Morse, Ruling Elder from the Church of Passaic, of the Presbytery of Jersey City, Rev. Messrs. J. T. B. Beekman, A. G. Chambers and L. M. Colfelt of the Presbytery of Monmouth, Rev. Messrs. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., William T. Findley, D. D., Prentiss DeVeuve and S. H. Hall, D. D., of the Presbytery of Newark, and Messrs. Moses T. Baker, of the Central Church of Newark, and Frederick Hexamer, of the First German Church of Newark, of the same Presbytery, the Rev. Charles W. Nassau, D. D., Alexander T. McGill, D. D., Charles Hodge, D. D., John Maclean, D. D., Thomas L. Janeway, D. D., William Henry Green, D. D., Charles A. Aiken, D. D., and the Rev. Messrs. George S. Mott, J. B. Adams and Samuel Harrison, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, with Mr. J. F. Stout, Ruling Elder from the Church of Kingston, Mr. C. F. Fisher, Ruling Elder from the Church of Amwell First, and Mr. D. Williamson from the Kirkpatrick Memorial Church of the same Presbytery, and the Rev. A. H. Brown of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

The Minutes of the last Session of the Synod were then read and approved.

Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence from this meeting of Synod of the Rev. Dr. E. R. Craven of the Presbytery of Newark, Rev. Albert Erdman of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, Rev. James T. English of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, Rev. Dr. H. R. Wilson of the same Presbytery, and the Rev. John O. Wells of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

The Rev. Mr. Aikman, Rev. Drs. Kempshall, Imbrie, Few Smith, and Macdonald and the Rev. Messrs. Dashiell, McCauley and A. H. Brown, Ministers, with Messrs. Hedges, Shafer, Vermilye, Murphy, Sayre, Brearley, Vannatta and

Elmer, Ruling Elders, were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

The Rev. Drs. W. C. Roberts, and W. W. Blauvelt and Rev. Messrs. McWilliam and Knox, Ministers, with Messrs. Ryerson, Baldwin, Rust, Keen, Pruden and Potts, Ruling Elders, were appointed a Judicial Committee to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Messrs. H. P. Day and H. S. Allen were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Parker and the Rev. Mr. Finney, Ministers, and Dr. George M. Maclean, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee on leave of absence.

The Rev. Dr. Reed and the Rev. Mr. Mix, were appointed a Committee to draft the Narrative of the State of Religion for the next year.

The Rev. Mr. Mott and the Rev. Dr. Bannard were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterian Records.

The Rev. Dr. Rankin and Rev. Mr. Plumley, Ministers, and Mr. James Hill, Elder, those of Corisco.

The Rev. Drs. Eddy and Magie, Ministers, and Mr. H. A. Williams, Elder, those of Elizabeth.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor and Rev. Mr. Symmes, Ministers, and Mr. J. Van Doren, Elder, those of Jersey City.

The Rev. Dr. Melvaine and Rev. C. F. Berry, Ministers, and Mr. Dan'l Price, Elder, those of Morris and Orange.

The Rev. Dr. Ogden and Rev. D. E. Magie, Ministers, and Mr. J. C. Potts, Elder, those of Monmouth.

The Rev. Dr. Hale and Rev. P. A. Studdiford, Ministers, and Mr. A. A. Hutchinson, Elder, those of Newark.

The Rev. Messrs. Byington and Tully, Ministers, and Mr. J. G. Shipman, Elder, those of New Brunswick.

The Rev. Messrs. L. C. Baker and F. D. Harris, Ministers, and Mr. J. H. Stevens, Elder, those of Newton.

The Rev. Messrs. Ligget and Cobb, Ministers, and Mr. J. Woodruff, Elder, those of West Jersey.

The Rev. Drs. Ellinwood and Hand of the Synod of New York, the Rev. Benjamin P. Johnson of the Synod of Albany, the Rev. J. S. McIlvaine of the Synod of China, the Rev. T. H. Bartholemew of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Rev. C. S. Vancleve and the Rev. Wm. Pearne of the New Jersey Conference of the M. E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented a report which was accepted.

The Rev. Drs. Ellinwood and Hand by invitation addressed the Synod upon points embraced in the report.

Pending the consideration of this report, Synod took a recess until half-past two o'clock.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and proceeded to business.

The consideration of the report on Systematic Benevolence was resumed, and the report as presented by the Committee was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence respectfully report, that at a meeting called March 28th, it was agreed to recommend the following rates to be raised by our Churches for the Boards of the Church, during the current year (April 1872 to April 1873,); and this recommendation was presented to the different Presbyteries at their last Spring meetings, viz;

For the Board of Foreign Missions an average of	\$1.56
for each Communicant.	
“ Home Missions,	“ “ 1.25
for each Communicant.	
“ Education,	“ “ 24
for each Communicant.	

For the Board of Publication,	an average of \$0	17
for each Communicant.		
“ Church Election, “ “		30
for each Communicant.		
“ Ministerial Relief, “ “		24
for each Communicant.		
“ Committee on Freedmen, “ “		24
for each Communicant.		

Making for the whole an average of \$4.00 for each Communicant.

And in addition to this for the sustentation scheme, a sum amounting to $\frac{1}{20}$ of the Pastor's Salary.

These amounts are an advance upon the sums recommended to be raised last year of 75 cents for each communicant, besides what may be contributed by each Church for the sustentation fund.

Your Committee have carefully examined the results of the year past, (ending April 1872,) as printed by the Boards in their annual reports, and herewith present the average attained by each Presbytery. It will be remembered that the recommendation of the Synod for the past year, (April 1871 to April 1872,) was as follows: For Foreign Missions, \$1.25 per communicant; for Home Missions, \$1.00; for Education, 20 cents; Publication, 15 cents; Church Election, 25 cents; Ministerial Relief Fund, 20 cents; Committee on Freedmen, 20 cents; for the whole, an average per communicant of \$3.25. The average results given below have been obtained by deducting one-tenth from the number of communicants given in the Assembly's Minutes and dividing the aggregate amounts credited in the printed reports of the Boards by the remainder.

Your Committee is aware that the sums reported by the Boards vary largely from those reported by the Churches themselves in the Assembly's Minutes. The average taken from these last would rise to \$3.91 per member.

The discrepancies between the two are very marked. Sometimes the Minutes report more given than the Boards acknowledge, and sometimes the Boards acknowledge receipts beyond the sums named in the Minutes. For example, one Church is recorded in the Minutes as giving to Home Missions, \$114, while the Board credit the same Church with over \$314. The Minutes give the Presbytery of Corisco credit for only one contribution, (viz: Board of Education, \$22,) whereas both the Boards of Foreign Missions and of Home Missions record contributions received from the Presbytery, while the Board of Education mentions no contribution from it at all. The Minutes credit the Presbytery of Newton with only \$720 for Church Election, while the Report of that Board acknowledges the actual receipt of \$1019 from the same Presbytery.

Very generally, however, the balance is the other way, and in the aggregate much more is reported in the Assembly's Minutes in the appropriate columns than has been received by the Boards themselves.

There are various reasons for this wide discrepancy. One of them is the custom of placing in the Assembly's columns all sums contributed by a Church for certain classes of objects, whether the money be sent to our own Boards or through other channels, or forwarded directly to the particular object aided. Another is carelessness in placing sums bestowed on special local objects outside of the domain embraced by our Boards in the column assigned to a particular Board instead of inserting the sum in the miscellaneous column. A third reason is the difference of the time for closing the yearly accounts of the Boards, and that for making up the reports of the Churches for the Assembly's Minutes.

Acknowledging the marked difference between the two reports your Committee have however deemed it best, inasmuch as the recommendation issued by the Synod applies to our own Boards alone to present the results this year on

the basis afforded by the printed Reports of the Boards themselves. The only exception is in the case of the Ministerial Relief fund which is necessarily taken from the Assembly's Minutes as the published Report does not give the amounts received from the Churches.

A Table has been carefully prepared by your Committee presenting (1.) The sums contributed by each Presbytery to each of the Boards. (2.) The total of each Presbytery to all the Boards. (3.) The total given by the whole Synod to each Board. (4.) The total by the Synod to all the Boards. (5.) The average per communicant of each Presbytery to each of the Boards. (6.) The average per communicant of each Presbytery to all the Boards. (7.) The average per communicant of the whole Synod to each of the Boards. (8.) The average of the whole Synod to all the Boards.

From this table it appears that during the year, April 1871, to April 1872, the following averages have been given by the Presbyteries to the Boards altogether, viz:

Corisco, - - -	\$0.71	per Communicant.
Elizabeth, - -	2.62	" "
Jersey City, - -	2.02	" "
Monmouth, - -	1.35	" "
Morris and Orange,	4.30	" "
Newark, - - -	2.61	" "
New Brunswick,	2.75	" "
Newton, - - -	2.33	" "
West Jersey, -	1.85	" "

The following averages per communicant given by the Synod as a whole to the different Boards, viz:

Foreign Missions,	\$0.96	instead of \$1.25.
Home Missions,	0.72	" " 1.00.
Education, nearly	0.18	" " 20.
Publication,	0.14	" " 17.
Church Erection,	0.24	" " 25.
Ministerial Relief,	0.21	" " 20.
Freedmen,	0.12	" " 20.

The average per communicant for the Synod to the Boards together is \$2.52 instead of \$3.25. It should be mentioned that in addition to this, the Sustentation scheme which was not included last year in the recommendation of the Synod, has received from our Churches during the same time the sum of \$4,387. How nearly this approaches the $\frac{1}{20}$ of each Pastor's Salary as asked by the General Assembly and recommended for the current year by the Synod, we cannot accurately determine, because the data though pretty full in the Minutes are not entirely complete. Yet it may be stated that the sum amounts to only $\frac{1}{62}$ of the salaries actually reported, and that even upon this basis, instead of \$4,387, it should rise to \$13,559 to meet the Assembly's request.

From the Schedule given above it appears,

1. That the aggregate average for the Synod falls far below even the modest amount recommended to the Churches; the average for all the Boards being only \$2.52 instead of \$3.25 per member, or a little less than $\frac{4}{5}$ of the sum desired.

2. That the Presbytery of Morris and Orange alone has come up to the amount recommended. This Presbytery has indeed considerably exceeded it giving \$4.30 instead of \$3.25, besides the contribution of \$835 to the Sustentation fund.

3. That in this result the various objects of benevolence assume the following order.—The Ministerial relief fund takes the lead in approximating the sums recommended by the Committee. This fund received a little over the full amount asked, or 21 cents instead of 20 cents. It must not be forgotten however that the receipts to this fund were the only ones taken from the Minutes of the Assembly. At the same time they are most probably correct, as there are no other benefactions which would be likely to be placed in that column. The next cause in order is the Board of Church Erection which receives 24 cents for 25 cents asked. The Board of Publication follows third, receiving 14 cents per member for the 15 cents recommended. Then fourth comes

the Board of Education which gets nearly 18 cents per member for the 20 cents requested. Foreign Missions takes the fifth place, receiving 96 cents instead of \$1.25. Home Mission stands sixth in order, getting 72 cents for \$1.00. And last is the Committee on Freedmen which receives just $\frac{2}{3}$ of the sum desired, or 12 cents per member instead of 20.

These results are rather surprising as it is generally supposed that the Boards of Publication and Education are not so popular among our Churches as some others. Yet these stand third and fourth, whereas Foreign and Home Missions which are usually regarded with special favor come next to the last in approaching the estimated proportion.

It would seem from this that while additional effort is necessary on our part for almost all the Boards, yet that increased attention is specially necessary in behalf of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards and the Committee on Freedmen.

While feeling very deeply that very much evidently remains to be done, yet your Committee cannot refrain from expressing their gratification at the evident marks of progress in this work of Systematic Beneficence. This is made apparent,

1. From the increase in the number of warm friends in each Presbytery who are evidently enlisted in this cause—are giving it more and more particular attention—are pressing its claims upon their Presbyteries and the Churches under their supervision, and who make out careful returns of the results. We specify particularly the Chairman and Committee of Systematic Beneficence in the Presbyteries of West Jersey and Elizabeth.

2. From the praiseworthy zeal manifested by even our Foreign Presbytery, (Corisco,) not to be behind hand in the cause of benevolence.

3. From the increasing interest manifested in this cause among the children of our Sabbath Schools. This department promises to grow into large proportions, and demands the warmest encouragement.

4. From the fact that the number of Churches adopting some plan of systematic beneficence is gradually increasing. In the Presbytery of Elizabeth alone we hear that seven have recently adopted such a plan, and others will soon fall into line.

5. Last, though not least, we place the fact that the energy and fidelity of the Christian women throughout the Synod are becoming so generally enlisted in this service. These tokens bid us to take courage, and to enter more heartily than ever before into sympathy with the Assembly's endeavors to draw out fully the aid of all the Churches in the Lord's work.

In order to give opportunity for a full discussion of the whole subject of Systematic Beneficence your Committee would offer for consideration the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod learns with pleasure that plans for securing the Systematic collection of funds for benevolent objects have recently been introduced into so many of our Churches, and it expresses the earnest desire that some plan may speedily be adopted by every Church within its bounds so as to secure personal application to every man, woman and child in the congregation to contribute statedly to the Lord's treasury.

2. *Resolved*, That this stated giving should be more distinctly recognized by Pastors and Sessions as an act of religious worship; and that pains be taken by them to impress this work upon the people.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod affectionately counsels all its Churches to do their best in reaching at least the amounts per member recommended this year by the Committee.

4. *Resolved*, That our Churches be strongly advised to bear in mind that our various Boards are appointed agents of our Branch of the Christian Church for carrying forward its benevolent operations; and therefore that it seems to be a manifest duty to place the money raised by our Churches and Sabbath Schools into the hands of these, the Assembly's

constituted agents, instead of dispensing so large a proportion of it through outside organizations, however much we may esteem these organizations as fellow helpers in God's cause.

5. *Resolved*, That the Committees appointed by the Presbyteries on the subject of Systematic Beneficence be again urged to obtain accurate accounts of the sums actually contributed by their Churches to our own Boards and transmit them to the Committee of the Synod on the same subject, in time for incorporation in that Committee's annual report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES K. IMBRIE, <i>Chairman.</i>	} Committee.
WILLIAM C. ROBERTS,	
V. D. REED,	
JAMES P. WILSON,	
JOHN T. DUFFIELD,	
J. G. SYMMES, ROBERT AIKMAN,	

A resolution presented by Rev. Dr. Atwater was adopted, and is as follows:

A circular having been addressed to this Synod by the Secretary of the Assembly's Board of Education, showing that the contributions to its Treasury are wholly insufficient to meet the appropriations ordered by the Assembly to be paid to its beneficiaries, we hereby earnestly call the attention of our Ministers, Elders and people to the urgent importance of immediately and largely increasing their contributions to this Board. We also call the attention of Churches to the order of the last Assembly, recommending a special contribution from them to meet the fiscal deficiencies of the Board of Education for the last year, in the course of the next four weeks—collections for this object to be taken up in congregations in which it has not yet been done.

Rev. Dr. Kempshall offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the present exigency of the Board of Education, it is hereby recommended to the Churches within the bounds of this Synod, who have not made the special collection recommended by the last General Assembly, to make such collection for the Board of Education on some Sabbath within a month following the adjournment of the Synod.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, it was

Resolved, That on this (Wednesday) evening the Synod will unite in celebrating the Lord's Supper.

The Moderator to conduct the services, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gregory and Rev. Mr. Mix—Elders Potts, Owens, Neighbour and Allen to distribute the bread, and Elders Ryerson, Elmer, Sayre and Shipman to distribute the wine—and that the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod be read in connection with this service.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts made the following report:

The Synod's Committee having examined the accounts of the Treasurer with the vouchers find them correct—a balance being due the Treasurer of Twenty-five Dollars and Eighty-two Cents.

HENRY P. DAY, }
HORACE S. ALLEN, } *Committee.*

The same Committee having been appointed to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, they report that \$260 will be needed, and recommend that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:

Presbytery of Jersey City,	\$30.00.
“ “ Elizabeth,	30.00.
“ “ Monmouth,	30.00.
“ “ Morris and Orange,	30.00.
“ “ Newark,	40.00.
“ “ New Brunswick,	45.00.
“ “ Newton,	30.00.
“ “ West Jersey,	25.00.
	————— \$260.00.

Coriseo Presbytery—no charge.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Systematic Benevolence be continued, and that the Rev. Messrs. Byington, William Harris and Briggs be added to the Committee.

The Committee appointed at the last stated meeting of Synod to make investigation respecting the condition of Deaf Mutes in this State, presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

To the Synod of New Jersey :

Your Committee, appointed "to investigate the condition of the Deaf Mutes of this State, and ascertain whether anything, and if so what can be done for their religious instruction," beg leave to offer the following report :

The number of Deaf Mutes in the State according to the census of 1870, is 231. This is probably an under estimate. The ratio of Deaf Mutes to the population in the United States, and also in several of the adjacent States is about 1 to every 2400 inhabitants. This ratio applied to our own population, would give 375 Deaf Mutes for this State. The difference between the number returned by census, and this latter estimate, is easily accounted for by the fact that we educate our Deaf Mutes in the Institutions of other states, chiefly in those of New York and Pennsylvania, consequently a large number at any given time are absent from the State, and have not for that reason, it is reasonable to conclude, been reckoned in the census returns. That this inference is correct, is apparent from an examination of the statistics of the Blind. The same difference, and for precisely the same cause, exists between the number actually reported, and those which should be found resident in the State, by the ratio of the Blind to the aggregate population, as it prevails elsewhere. It is safe to say therefore, that the number is at least 350, and is probably nearer 400. They are increasing rapidly, with the rapid increase of population. In the last decade, by the ratio alluded to above they must have augmented by about 90. Our State is destined to be densely populated. Hence there will always be a large and growing number of Deaf Mutes to be cared for.

An examination of their condition, even the most cursory, serves to bring to light certain facts which demand the consideration of

philanthropic and Christian men of every name. It must be evident to every one that they are placed, by their total loss of speech and hearing, at a very great disadvantage every way, and especially as to religious instruction. They are practically shut out from the society of their fellow men. They are hindered greatly, and in some instances wholly prevented from engaging in the ordinary branches of trade and industry. They are for the most part poor, and must of necessity be so. They are scattered about through the State, so that except in the larger places, they can have very little intercourse with each other. They are very liable to be lost sight of and pass unnoticed, and really suffer from neglect. Their condition is not such as to make an appeal to the sympathy of the public, as that of the Blind, for they come and go at will as others, though they cannot hear or speak. They are not dangerous as the Insane, so as to force themselves on the notice, and care of others. But without the aid of others, in the way of sympathy, and of special provision to meet their peculiar wants, they are doomed to a worse condition of suffering than either of these classes. They must, if not educated, and after that, particularly cared for in the matter of religious instruction remain in ignorance, and superstition and the grossest spiritual darkness.

It is of the first importance therefore that they be educated, and that too while young, in an Institution for Deaf Mutes. This is a step preparatory to their religious instruction, which is indispensable. It enables them at least to read and understand what is written and printed suited to their wants. The State has indeed made provision for this, when application is made for it. It does not however seek them out and encourage them to obtain an education. This must be done by their friends and others interested in their behalf. It is necessary that they be searched out often-times and led to avail themselves of the provisions made in their behalf.

And just here it is proper to raise the question, whether the policy of sending them out of the State for education, now that the number is so considerable, and withal rapidly increasing, is at all wise, and justifiable. There is much relating to their interests which is unquestionably lost, by this course. The Institutions to which they are sent, are already over crowded and as a consequence they cannot receive all the attention they require, nor all that they would have, in an institution of our own. They lose in part the interest which they would have in their own education, and the benefit of that

interest which we should have in it, if they were gathered into such an Institution. It would be a common centre for them; a common bond uniting them; a place of meeting from time to time after they have graduated from it: but most of all an agency through which a special watch and oversight could be maintained over them, and their religious instruction provided for as it cannot be now. Their education therefore is not only of the first importance in order to their religious instruction but it should be carried on in the State, and in an Institution which should be conducted in their interest not only while they are its pupils but in their after life.

But even where educated in the manner indicated, the difficulties pertaining to their religious instruction are by no means removed. They are wholly deprived of having the Gospel save when it is preached to them in their own sign language. There are some of them who do not seem to know of a Saviour any more than if they were in a heathen land. Even when able to read, they are too poor in many instances to provide themselves with books and papers. Then too they need to be influenced, even under the most favorable conditions, to avail themselves of their privilege of reading God's word and accepting the salvation which it makes known. They are not unlike others in this respect. Human nature in a deaf mute, it need not be said, is just the same as in one not so afflicted; naturally averse to religion, and at enmity toward God—special pains are requisite on the part of the ministers and members of our Churches, whose business it is to seek and save the lost, to seek them out and supply them with such helps in the way of religious instruction as they can use, and incite them to care for the salvation of their souls. And inasmuch as they so easily fall out of the notice and even of the knowledge of those around them, it ought to be a matter of diligent inquiry with every pastor whether there are any of this class of persons, either young or old within the boundaries of his parish or the town in which he resides. And if there are such persons, it should be his care to do for them all in his power especially in the way of religious instruction, by whatever means he can most effectually reach them. They are sinners as others, and have souls to save. And their salvation is none the less important because of their physical infirmities.

The facts in this regard are, that there are between three and four hundred of this class of persons in the State, for whose religious instruction very little is done, and scarcely any provision made. In the cities and towns lying near New York and Philadelphia, they can if

so disposed avail themselves of services in the sign language, which are held for their special benefit. A service of this kind has been held until quite recently in the cities of Newark and Orange, by an educated Deaf Mute. Aside from this your Committee have not been able to learn that anything whatever has been done in their behalf. In many places where there is good reason to suppose that some are residing, nothing is known of their existence, and evidently no pains have been taken to learn whether there are any or not. It is altogether probable that there are some who fail to secure any education as well as religious instruction, because there is no one to care for them. The Saviour sought out the Deaf and Dumb, and cared for their bodily healing that he might minister salvation unto their souls. Should not his disciples do the same?

In view of these facts, and others which have come to the knowledge of the Committee, to which there is not time now to refer, we venture to propose the following resolutions to the consideration and action of the Synod:

I. *Resolved*, That the Synod call the attention of the pastors and elders of our Churches to the religious condition and peculiar wants of the Deaf Mutes of the State as something demanding their special concern, and earnestly urge that they use every endeavor to seek them out and bring them under religious influence and instruction, in every way practicable.

II. *Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this body, that the highest welfare, both temporal and spiritual, of the Deaf Mutes of this State requires the establishment of an institution for their education, within the bounds of the State, as speedily as possible.

III. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three elders be appointed, who shall endeavor to secure in whatever way may seem to them best the establishment of such an institution through the action of the Legislature at its coming session.

In behalf of the Committee,

ELDRIDGE MIX, CHAIRMAN.

Elders Joseph C. Potts, A. G. Richey and Dr. George M. Maclean were appointed a Committee to present this subject to the Legislature.—

Resolved, That a copy of this report be sent to the Governor of this State.

Resolved, That it be the first order of the day for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Committee upon the German Theological School of Newark.

The Judicial Committee reported Judicial case No. 1, being the complaint of the Rev. T. B. Condit against the action of the Presbytery of Newton in dissolving his pastoral relation to the Church of Stillwater. They report that having the papers in the case, they find the complaint in order, and recommend that it be taken up in accordance with the directions of the Book of Discipline—in the following order:

1. The action of the Presbytery complained of—together with the whole record of the Presbytery of Newton, touching the case.

2. The reasons of the complainant which are on record.

3. That the Presbytery be then heard in defence of their action, or of their dissent from it.

The report of the Committee was adopted, when it was

Resolved, That the consideration of Judicial case No. 1 be made the 2d order of the day for Thursday morning.

Synod then took a recess until half-past seven o'clock.

At the close of the recess, Synod met. The Narrative of the State of Religion was read, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered agreeably to previous arrangement.

Synod then adjourned to meet on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

Present as before, together with the Rev. John T. Duffield, D. D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and the Rev. Thomas S. Long, of the Presbytery of Newton.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

The Committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Monmouth and Newark made favorable reports, and the books were approved.

The Committee appointed at the last stated meeting of the Synod to Co-operate with the Directors of the German Theological School at Newark reported, that they had met with the Directors of that Institution, had attended the annual examination of the students, and were much pleased with the management of the School, the efficiency and piety of the instructors and the character of the students—whereupon the following resolutions were, with the report, unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod have listened with great interest to the Report of the Committee, and again heartily endorse the enterprise, (the German Theological School at Newark,) as one of great importance to the spiritual interests of the German population of this Country.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee to Co-operate with the Directors of the German Theological School, in the effort to raise \$50.000 for the endowment of the Institution consisting of Drs. Roberts, V. D. Reed and Duffield be re-appointed.

The Rev. Andrew Shiland of the Synod of Long Island and the Rev. Charles Keyzer of the New Jersey Baptist Association being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolved, That the next Stated Meeting of the Synod be held in the First Mansfield Church at Washington, Warren County, N. J., on the 3d Tuesday of October 1873, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that the Moderator of the Synod, the Rev. Alexander M. Jelly, the Pastor of the Church, and Joseph Johnson Esq., a Ruling Elder be a Committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the Synod.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which was accepted and placed upon the docket.

The order of the day, viz: Judicial case No. 1. was taken up.

The Moderator announced from the chair that the body was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined upon the members to recollect and regard their high characters as Judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

The action of the body complained of—The reasons of the complainant which are on record and the whole record of the Presbytery of Newton touching the case were read.

Synod then took a recess until half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and proceeded to business.

A telegraphic dispatch was received from the Synod of New York, then in session at Yonkers, N. Y., conveying fraternal salutations to this Synod, wishing grace, mercy and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ now and forever.

The Stated clerk was directed to return to this dispatch a suitable answer, which was done.

The consideration of Judicial case No. 1 was then resumed.

The parties in interest were then heard.

Pending the consideration of the case Synod took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess Synod convened and proceeded to business.

The consideration of Judicial case No. 1, was then resumed.

After all the parties had been fully heard the roll was called that each member of the Judicatory might have an opportunity to express his opinion on the case. After which the final vote was taken with the following result:

To sustain the complaint,	33.
Not to sustain, - - -	13.
To sustain in part, - - -	40.

The Rev. Mr. Chandler and Rev. Dr. Stearns, Ministers, and Messrs. Potts and Van Doren, Elders, were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable Minute to be adopted by the Synod, setting forth its decision and the grounds thereof.

The Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, which had been previously read, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Synod of New Jersey consists of nine Presbyteries, three hundred and thirty-nine Ministers, forty-one Licentiates, seventy two Candidates, two hundred and forty-seven Churches, and thirty-seven thousand seven hundred and five Members. It has within its bounds the two important Institutions of learning at Princeton, and several other Presbyterial Institutions in different parts of the State, most of whose Professors and Instructors are members of this body.

In the number of Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates, we stand first in the Church, and in the number of Churches and Communicants, second ; the old Mother Synod of Philadelphia being first as to these last items. No Synod within our bounds is more fully manned, or better situated for effective work in the Master's Vineyard. About twenty Churches are marked vacant, and about the same number have stated supplies ; all the rest are blessed with regular pastors. It is not a little gratifying to see that in our far off, but well beloved Presbytery of Corisco in Africa, two of its three Churches have already their Shepherd and Bishop installed over them.

The results of the work done in and by these Churches and Ministers for one year as summed up in the Minutes of our last General Assembly, are as follows : Added on examination and certificate, 3867, being an average of $12\frac{1}{2}$ to each Church ; contributed to the Boards of the Church, \$132,756, an average of \$3.50 per member—contributed to Pastor's Salaries and Congregational Expenses, \$914,000, and to Miscellaneous objects, \$82,330, making a total of contributions for religious uses of \$1,128,000, or \$30 per member. These figures are themselves a narrative of no little interest. They tell of a well equipped division of the Lord's army. They are the expression of the hard throes of many of God's dear children. They are eloquently expressive of work done, self denial practiced, fervent prayers offered and blessings incalculable imparted and received, and they argue well for the future. True we have no reason to boast.

We have been unprofitable servants. We might have done, and should have done much more in the service of our blessed Master. Yet for the grace bestowed and the work done, we would not be found unthankful.

Coming now to the more recent survey of our Ecclesiastical territory as presented in the narratives of the Presbyteries, we notice first what is peculiar to each, and then a few points of common interest.

The Presbytery of Corisco mentions with peculiar satisfaction the pleasing fact that though consisting of only seven members and three churches they have under their care five candidates for the ministry. This they consider "a very hopeful sign, inasmuch as our young men," they say "have great pecuniary inducements to go into trade, and yet we never before have had so many candidates at one time." In one of the Churches of this Presbytery, there has been for more than a year a continuous revived state among the Christians, and a deep religious interest among the heathen; as the result twenty-five converts have been added to the Lord. The Synod will no doubt be pleased to know also that in these feeble Churches the monthly concert of prayer is observed with regularity and great interest, and that the people out of their deep poverty readily co-operate with missionary brethren in contributing to the Boards of the Church.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth reports no revivals in any of its Churches. In one a quiet and pleasing work of grace began shortly after the last meeting of Synod, and continued through the winter and spring, resulting in an addition of twenty-five within a few months. In all the Churches of this Presbytery there has been a very encouraging attendance upon the means of grace on the Sabbath while in quite a number the prayer meetings and other special services have been observed with interest, and by enlarged numbers, resulting, it is believed in a moderate but regular and healthy growth. Great efforts have been made to develop the financial resources of the Churches, accompanied in some instances with the happiest effects. Many have adopted one or other of the schemes of systematic giving recommended by the Assembly, and a still larger number have this matter under consideration.

The Presbytery of Jersey City also sends no narrative of the years' work, none having been presented to its own body at its last meeting. They send however "their last narrative," written it is presumed six months ago and submitted to the last General assembly, and

with it an individual note from the Stated Clerk. From these sources it is gratifying to know that the Presbytery has been doing its work faithfully. Three of its Churches viz: West Hoboken, 2d, and 3d Paterson have enjoyed special proofs of the presence of God's Holy Spirit, and more than one hundred souls have been added to them on profession of their faith, while the other Churches of the Presbytery have been blessed also with additions of from four to twenty-six per cent. of the existing membership. Attendance of the people on ordinances of divine worship is represented as uniformly good; the week of prayer was observed, as in two instances, with marked evidences of God's blessing; two new Churches have been organized since the last meeting of Synod. The Presbytery is "coherent and aggressive; among the Pastors and Elders there is a special yearning and preparation for the divine blessing, and the territory has been carefully mapped out, indicating the exact location of Churches with intent to meet as far as in us lies the needs of every inhabited locality."

The Presbytery of Monmouth says, "there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit upon any of our Churches, but there have been the usual additions to the membership, with a faithful attendance upon the means of grace on the Lord's day—a healthy growth of the congregations and a happy spirit of unity among people and sessions in carrying forward the work of the Lord. Some of our Churches rejoice over the liberality of their congregations in the better support of their Pastors, and others rejoice in being able to add to the Boards of the Church more abundantly than formerly, because they have adopted one or other of the plans of systematic beneficence recommended by the Assembly. Indeed there seems to be a revival in almost every direction in the developement of this important grace of the Christian, in which the children and youth of the Sabbath Schools are included as well as adults. In its vast Missionary fields this Presbytery while lamenting its inability to do what is needed, is yet putting forth commendable efforts to occupy the land for Christ. One new Church has been organized. Another group of worshippers is looking forward to a speedy organization, and several new preaching places have been opened within a year. In this important work your Committee while commending the fidelity of the Presbytery, would also ask for them the prayers and the hearty co-operation of the Synod.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange says "In the spiritual condition of our churches there is much to encourage and gladden our hearts." This is illustrated in the pleasing facts that for another year the precious Gospel of Christ has been faithfully preached to his waiting, praying people, and has been attended by the presence of the Holy Spirit, resulting in the edification of believers and the hopeful conversion of souls in nearly all our Churches. In one instance, the Church of Mount Freedom, an extensive and precious revival has been enjoyed. Believers were quickened to renewed activity and prayerfulness, and upwards of sixty persons have cast in their lot with the followers of Christ. A second encouraging fact is that the subject of systematic beneficence is attracting very general attention. The methods adopted have in most instances resulted in a large increase in the amount of contributions, while yet it must be admitted that worldly conformity and social extravagances are increasing to an alarming extent, and the actual benevolence of our people falls far below the Gospel standard. As to the subjects of Home instruction and observance of the Monthly Concert of Prayer, this Narrative expresses the fear that they are not attended to with general and becoming fidelity. Little is said about them in reports from Churches, which shows at least that they occupy no prominent place.

The Presbytery of Newark reports no general, spiritual movement, but in one or two Churches a gentle quickening of considerable power. Seven of their 23 Churches have received on confession of faith, 18, 20, 21, 24, 23, 23 and 20 each, and they believe that the regular sowing of seed is productive of regular fruit. One Church has been transferred to a better location, and has a new Edifice in progress. Improvements have been made in Lecture and Sabbath School rooms.

The German Theological School has made a healthy growth, and one of our German pastors has been dismissed from his Church to give his whole time to instruction.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick says "the majority of reports from Churches bring tidings of no special work of grace among them." In almost every case the ordinary means have been used with regularity, and in some instances special efforts have been made, while there has been nothing of what might be termed a revival. Attendance upon the services of the Sabbath is spoken of as good—in some cases encouraging, but during the week the attendance is much less gratifying. A low state of piety, great worldliness among professing

Christians is lamented and deplored by some of the Pastors. These statements apply to a majority of Churches, but not to all. In three of the Churches there have been precious revivals—in Alexandria, Pennington and Kingston. The additions to these Churches amount to nearly one hundred with others still expected to come in as the gleanings of the work. In Pennington the active co-operation of the people, and especially of the young men is spoken of with great satisfaction. Within a few weeks about one hundred prayer meetings were held in this congregation of which the Pastor attended all but four. In Kingston where the largest ingathering has been realized, the Inquiry meeting is said to have been used with the happiest results. The work began among the children of the Sabbath School, and many of the visible effects are from this class.

The Presbytery of Newton reports "most of its Churches regularly supplied with Gospel ordinances" and a "very large measure of peaceful and harmonious co-operation of Pastors and people" in the prosecution of the Lord's work. They lament the instability of the pastoral office as an unfavorable symptom and "mourn that the standard of piety is low, and that with a great many of the Church members there is but little growth in grace." At the same time this Presbytery reports a larger number of Churches revived by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit than any other in the Synod. The following fifteen of its Churches, nearly half its number have been thus blessed, Belvidere 1st and 2d, Harmony, Hackettstown, Bloomsbury, Newton, North Hardiston, Blairstown, Musconetcong Valley, Mansfield 1st, Stewartsville, Greenwich, Phillipsburg, Oxford 2d, and Branchville. The number of additions to these Churches singly or collectively is not given, but it should be a matter of thanksgiving, both to them and the Synod that so many have been revived and enlarged. It will be especially gratifying to the Synod to hear that the Blairstown Academy under the care of the Presbytery maintains its high character as a school of learning and has shared largely in the work of grace with which the Church in that place was favored. "Not a few of its Students" says the report, "have returned to their homes renewed by the grace of God." As to Beneficence "some of the Churches are represented as doing well, far exceeding the average assigned by the Synod," while in others the contributions are very small, and extended only to a part of the Boards.

West Jersey reports "great religious interest in six of its Churches through a portion of the year, commencing with the week of prayer

— 96 members added in the aggregate. Other Churches are earnestly praying for the manifestation of the Spirit. Increasing attention to the demands of beneficence appears in the adoption of systematic schemes, and their happy practical working wherever tried. The Assembly's sustentation scheme has been applied in two of its Churches with much satisfaction. Two new Churches have been organized, and the general aspects of the cause of Christ within their bounds are encouraging.

After this brief survey of what is peculiar to each Presbytery, it is proper to add that all the Presbyteries speak of the Sabbath School work in encouraging terms. Much and growing attention seems to be everywhere given to this important sphere of Christian labor. In many instances the Westminster series of lessons has been introduced and generally the sincere and earnest effort is to impart clear scriptural knowledge to the pupils. The Catechisms of the Church appear also to be faithfully taught in most of the Schools, and where revivals have been enjoyed, the almost uniform testimony is, that from the Sunday School ranks the subjects are taken; while this is just what we might expect, it is yet matter for thanksgiving to God, and for encouragement to his people.

The Temperance cause, so far as referred to by the Presbyteries is represented as receiving commendable attention from pastors and people. In no case are the evils of intemperance said to be increasing, while in some places progress is being made in the work of reform and in the way of legal prohibition. Many of the Presbyteries also speak in very pleasing terms of the organizations of Christian Ladies into associations for the benefit of their heathen sisters. This work has but recently begun, but it is rapidly advancing and is capable of a very large expansion. The Church in all ages has been greatly indebted to Christian women for their faith, love and sympathy, and as a Synod it becomes us to encourage and rejoice in the co-operation of these fellow-helpers in the Gospel of Christ.

In conclusion, there is reason in this brief survey both for thanksgiving and humiliation. We have done but little compared with what such a body might have done. A low state of piety and great and increasing worldliness are spoken of as common. The small number of hopeful conversions and the failures of Christians to grow in grace are everywhere deplored. In several of the Presbyterial narratives, after mentioning the fact of but small apparent success, the brethren find it necessary to argue themselves into the belief that

such a state of things should not discourage us. This is true, no doubt, but it should humble us notwithstanding and quicken us to renewed zeal and earnestness. At the same time for the measure of success that has attended our efforts we should not fail to render unfeigned thanks to God for his abounding goodness, forbearance and grace. There is also special reason for thankfulness in the fact that so few of our brethren have been called away by death; or so few of them laid aside by sickness. In the eight reports sent up only two deaths are recorded—The Rev. Peter Boughton of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and the Rev. Joel Campbell of the Presbytery of Newton. Brother Boughton had been in feeble health for many years, unfitting him for the arduous duties of the pastorate, but yet permitting him to do much good as an agent of the American Seamans Friends' Society in whose service he died. He was humble, modest, retiring, but an earnest and faithful servant of the Lord, and has gone up, we doubt not, to a blessed reward. Mr. Campbell was in the 76th year of his age, and 45th of his Ministry, and is spoken of in the highest terms by his Presbytery, as an eminently godly and useful Minister whose heart and hand were in the work to the very close of life; though for some years he had retired from a stated charge, only two weeks before his death he took part in the ordination and installation of a Pastor. To him doubtless, "to die was gain."

While these are the only deaths reported in the Narratives of the Presbyteries, it is with great sorrow that we have heard since the Synod came together of the sudden death of the Rev. Mr. Depew, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange—a brother of great excellence, young and promising, but struck down in the prime of life. But the circumstances of his death cannot be detailed. Such a death says to us, the time is short. What you have to do, do quickly.

The Rev. O. H. Hazard, of the Synod of New York, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolved, That the Synod in view of the alarming and increasing desecration of the Lord's day recommends to all our Presbyteries the appointment of Committees upon the observance of the Sabbath, and suggests that through these Committees the Presbyteries seek the co-operation of other Ecclesiastical bodies covering the same territory.

Resolved, That a Synodical Committee be appointed to consider the condition and prospects of Church Extension and Home Missions within the bounds of the Synod, and to report annually the need and progress of this work.

Resolved, 1. That the Synod earnestly commends the work of the Freedmen's Committee to the confidence and liberality of the Churches.

2. That the Churches which have taken no collection for this Committee during the present year be exhorted to take such collections without delay.

The records of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, Morris and Orange and Jersey City were approved.

Synod then adjourned to meet on Friday Morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 18th,

Nine o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute setting forth the result to which the Synod had arrived in the case of the complaint of the Rev. T. B. Condit, presented as their report the following resolutions which were adopted and are as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That the action of the Presbytery of Newton in dissolving the pastoral relation between the Pastor and congregation of the Stillwater Church and people without citing the parties to appear before them and giving them a time when, and a place at which to be heard was irregular and therefore void.

2. *Resolved*, That the Presbytery be directed to proceed *de novo*, in the case, to properly cite both the Pastor and

the congregation to a hearing, that the case may be fairly decided and thereby justice be done to all, and the peace of the Church at Stillwater be restored.

Resolved, That this Synod rules that when any Presbytery has dissolved a pastoral relation, this action is in force until reversed by a Superior Court.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Newton, reported that they had examined the same, and recommended that they be approved, with the exception of their action in the case of the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. T. B. Condit and the Church of Stillwater, respecting which, the opinion of the Synod in the resolutions offered by the Synod's Committee was expressed, and which resolutions were adopted. —The report and recommendation of the Committee were adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, reported that they had discharged that duty and recommended that they be approved with the following exceptions:

1. That no record is ordinarily made of absentees and no excuses received and acted upon.
2. That the Presbytery ordained and installed a licentiate of the Presbytery of Chicago, without a letter of dismissal from that body to them.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, and which report had been placed on the docket was taken up, and having been amended was adopted and is as follows:

In reference to that part of the Standing Committee on the Board of Publication, (see Minutes' page 22,) the Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod expresses its confidence in the management of the Colportage work of the Board of Publication and recommends it to the sympathies, the prayers and the beneficence of the Churches under our care.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod expresses its gratification that the General Assembly has committed to the Board of Publication the work of awakening an increased interest in the religious education of children and youth in the Sabbath School; and that the Board has appointed a special agent to give effect to the views of the General Assembly. The Synod commends this work and the agent to the cordial co-operation of Pastors and all others interested in the development of the Sabbath school idea on Scriptural principles.

3. *Resolved*, That one evening of the next Synod be devoted to a meeting for discussion and conference about Sunday Schools, under the direction of the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

4. *Resolved*, That our Presbyteries and congregations pay special attention to Sunday School Mission work, so that no district however small shall be left unprovided with the advantages of a Sunday School.

5. *Resolved*, That the Synod recognizing the growing evil of the introduction of unsuitable books into our Sunday School Libraries, and having confidence in the issues of the Board, do recommend Pastors and sessions to take a careful charge of this matter and endeavor to introduce the publications of the Board into the Libraries of their Sabbath Schools in preference to all others, and to exclude books actually evil, fostering a love for the sensational literature with which the country is flooded, as well as those merely negative in their religious character.

Whereas latitudinarian ideas on Marriage and Divorce are alarmingly prevalent at the present time, and in some portions of our country practically demoralizing, (see Minutes page 73.) *Resolved*, That in order to create a more healthy sentiment in the community, and a thoroughly Scriptural practice in the Church, the Pastors of this Synod be urged to make these topics the subject of special discourses.

The Committee on leave of absence reported that leave of absence for reasons given, had been granted to the following persons:—

Rev. Dr. Magie,	Rev. D. E. Megie,
“ Mr. Aikman,	“ Mr. Ferguson,
“ Dr. Ogden,	“ Mr. Mix,
“ Mr. Burrows,	“ Mr. Thomas,
“ Mr. Cobb,	“ Dr. Berry,
“ Dr. Imbrie,	“ Mr. Wells,
“ Mr. Berry,	“ Mr. Hofford,
“ Prof. Green,	“ Mr. Proudfit,
“ Mr. Feagles,	“ Mr. Hollister,
“ Mr. Ward,	“ Mr. Ligget,
“ Mr. Riggs,	“ Mr. Glendenning,
“ Dr. Aiken,	“ Mr. Thompson,
“ Mr. Wynkoop,	“ Mr. Anderson,
“ Mr. Clark,	“ Mr. De Veuve,
“ Dr. Nassau,	“ Mr. Coyle,
“ Dr. Reed,	“ Mr. Hutchinson,
“ Dr. Bannard,	“ Mr. J. A. French,
“ Mr. Hopwood,	“ J. DeHart Bruen,
“ Mr. Aller,	“ Mr. Haley,
“ Mr. Guenther,	“ Mr. Stebbins,
“ Mr. Egbert,	“ Dr. Stearns,
“ Dr. Sheddan,	“ Mr. Holloway,
“ Mr. Brochers,	“ Mr. Kaufman.

Messrs. Teel, Dodd, Griggs, Hexamer, Stout, Slater, A. H. Stevens, J. H. Stevens, Rumsey, Doremus, Woodruff, McDowell, Bullock, Sears, Ryerson, Clark, Potts, Shafer, Wilson, Dey, Smith, Mayhew, Blake, Scranton, Jackson, Combs.

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That at the close of the Sessions of the Synod, the roll be called, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish the names of members of Synod not responding to the call, and who have not obtained leave of absence, to the

Committee on leave of absence at the next meeting of Synod that the absentees should be called upon to render their excuse.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of West Jersey reported, recommending approval, excepting that no absences were recorded on five occasions, and that in the dissolution of a pastoral relation, no record is made of the required citations.

The report was adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to return to the Presbytery of Newton all papers connected with the case of the Rev. T. B. Condit, except such as are essential to the Synodical record.

The Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries comprising the Synod were presented and are as follows :

The Presbytery of Elizabeth report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 44 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 7 Licentiates and 6 Candidates :

They further report that on the 18th of October, 1871, they took under their care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, Herbert James Gush, a member of the Church of Clarksville. That on the 16th of April, 1872, they received the Rev. Merrill N. Hutchinson from the Presbytery of New York—and on the same day received under their care Mr. A. Glendenning, a Candidate from the Presbytery of Albany and Mr. John Elliot a Candidate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick—that on the day following they returned to Mr. Elliot his dismissal from the Presbytery of New Brunswick and directed him to appear with it before that Presbytery—that on the same day they licensed Mr. Charles T. Anderson to preach the Gospel, dismissed Mr. William Travis a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. O. L. Kirtland and the Church of Springfield. That on the 28th of May, they installed the Rev. Merrill N. Hutchinson, Pastor of the

Church of Dunellen—That on the 20th of June, they ordained Mr. William C. Rommel, a Licentiate under their care to the work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist, and dismissed him that he might unite with others in forming the Presbytery of Montana—That on the 30th of June, Mr. Edward H. Harvey appeared before Presbytery with his certificate of licensure by the Presbytery of Chicago and a private letter from the Stated Clerk of that Presbytery certifying that Mr. Harvey is in good standing, but without any regular dismissal—whereupon the Presbytery proceeded with his examination as though he had been regularly received, and ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Summit West—That on the 14th of August, the Rev. Peter Boughton departed this life—That on the 1st of October, they licensed William D. Thomas to preach the Gospel—That on the day following they took under their care as a Candidate for the Ministry, Mr. Joshua Hill and after a full and satisfactory examination, they licensed him to preach the Gospel—and that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Edward P. Rankin a Licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Mattoon.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES T. ENGLISH, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Jersey City report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of thirty-five (35) Ministers, and have under their care twenty-six (26) Churches, three (3) Licentiates and one (1) Candidate.

They further report that they received

I. As a CANDIDATE for the Ministry on the 16th of April 1872, Mr. William Hamilton Miller.

II. LICENTIATES.

- Oct. 3d, 1871. Mr. Edward W. Fisher, from the Presbytery of New York.
- Jan. 2d, 1872. Mr. David Winters, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.
- April 16th, 1872. Mr. William P. Fisher, from the Presbytery of Genessee.

III. MINISTERS.

- Jan. 2d, 1872. The Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, from the Presbytery of Winona.
- Feb. 27th, 1872. The Rev. David Magie, D.D., from the Presbytery of Geneva.
- Feb. 27th, 1872. The Rev. Frederick Kern, from the German United Evangelical Synod of the North West.
- April 16th, 1872. The Rev. James Marshall, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.
- April 16th, 1872. The Rev. Herman C. Riggs, from the Presbytery of Boston.
- Oct. 2d, 1872. The Rev. E. F. Borchers, from the Congregational Association of Maine.

That they Ordained and Installed,

- Oct. 26th, 1871. Mr. John S. Glendenning, Pastor of the Prospect Avenue Church, Hudson, Jersey City.
- April 30th, 1872. David Winters, Pastor of the 3d Church, Paterson.

And Ordained as an Evangelist,

- April 16th, 1872. Mr. E. Rothesay Miller.

And Licensed to Preach the Gospel,

- March 14th, 1872. Mr. Rodney L. Tabor.

And Installed,

- Jan. 2d, 1872. The Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, Pastor of the Claremont Church, Jersey City.

- March 14th, 1872. The Rev. Frederick Kern, Pastor of the German Church of Carlstadt.
- April 17th, 1872. The Rev. David Magie, D. D., Pastor of the 1st Church, Paterson.
- May 2d, 1872. The Rev. James Marshall, Pastor of the 1st Church, Hoboken.
- May 23d, 1872. The Rev. Herman C. Riggs, Pastor of Rutherford Park Church.

That they Organized,

- Nov. 5th, 1871. A Church to be known as the Church of Fort Lee.
- July 5th, 1872. A Church to be known as the Church of Lake View.

That they Dismissed,

- Oct. 31st, 1871. The Rev. John M. Stevenson, D. D., to the Presbytery of New York.
- March 21st, 1872. The Rev. Nathan Leighton, to the Presbytery of Columbia.
- May 20th, 1872. The Rev. Edward J. Gardiner, to the Presbytery of Cleveland.
- Oct. 1st, 1872. The Rev. George Brayton to the Presbytery of Newark.
- Oct. 1st, 1872. The Licentiate Mr. Edward W. Fisher, to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Finally they report the following *Deaths*.

- Oct. 5th, 1871. Mr. Richard Russell, Elder of the First Church Bergen, J. City, aged 71 years.
- Oct. 18th, 1871. The Rev. James M. Stevenson, at Salem, Washington Co., N. Y., aged 31½ years.

By order of Presbytery,

EDWARD W. FRENCH, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Monmouth report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of thirty-eight Ministers, and have under their care thirty-six Churches.

Presbytery further report the reception on the 18th of October, 1871, of the Rev. A. Marcellus from the Presbytery of Canton; the transfer by the Synod to this Presbytery of the Fruitland Church from the Presbytery of West Jersey—the enrollment on the 13th of November, 1871, of the Rev. C. E. Lord, because living within our bounds at the time of our Presbyterian organization, and his dismissal on the same day to the Presbytery of Boston—the dissolution on the same day of the pastoral relation of the Rev. J. T. H. Waite to the Tom's River Church—the dissolution on November 22d, 1871, of the pastoral relation of the Rev. John Brash to the South Amboy Church, and the dissolution of the pastoral relation on the 22d of January, 1872, of the Rev. D. F. Lockerby to the Perrineville Church. They further report that on the 31st of January, the Rev. C. F. Worrell, D. D., was installed Pastor of the Squan Village Church, and on the 18th of March, the pastoral relation of the Rev. James Petrie to the Manchester Church was dissolved, and that on the same day Mr. Petrie was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Newton—that on the 9th of April the Rev. E. J. Pearce was received from the Philadelphia Central Presbytery—that on the 10th of April Mr. L. M. Colfelt, a Licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia North was received under our care, and that on the same day the Rev. Mr. Lockerby was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Newton—that on the 9th of May, Mr. L. M. Colfelt a Licentiate was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed Pastor of the Allentown Church—that on the 18th of May the Rev. H. R. Hall was installed Pastor of the Plattsburgh Church—that on the 5th of June the Rev. J. R. Burtt was received from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and on the same day installed Pastor of the South Amboy Church: that on the 10th of July

the Rev. A. S. Vaughan was received from the Classis of Zion, and the Rev. J. E. Alexander was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Baltimore; that on the 20th of August the pastoral relation of the Rev. A. H. Fullerton to the Beverly Church was dissolved—that on the 25th of August, a Church was organized at Delanco—that on the 6th of September the Rev. J. T. H. Waite was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Zion—that on the 1st of October the Rev. C. H. Holloway was received from the Presbytery of West Chester, and that the Rev. M. L. Hofford was installed Pastor of the Delanco Church on the 9th of October, and of the Fairview Church on the 10th of the same month.

By order of Presbytery,

WILLIAM M. WELLS, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of Thirty-six Ministers, and have under their care Thirty-one Churches, Two Licentiates and Two Candidates.

They further report that on the 17th of October, 1871, they received the Rev. Oliver Crane from the Presbytery of Newark, and the Rev. Albert S. Winterick from the Presbytery of Jersey City—that on the 10th of November they installed Mr. Winterick Pastor of the German Church of Orange—that on the 10th of January 1872, they received under their care Mr. John H. Worcester, a Licentiate of the Congregational Association of New York and Brooklyn, and on the same day, ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of South Orange: That on the 27th of March they dismissed the Rev. E. L. Boing to join the Presbytery of New Castle, and on the same day received the Rev. C. C. Parker, D. D., from the Cumberland Association of Maine—that on the 9th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Josiah Fisher and the

Rev. R. S. Rosenthal, the former to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and the latter to the Presbytery of New York—that on the 10th of April they licensed David M. Davenport to preach the Gospel—that on the 7th of May they organized a Church near German Valley which is called the Church of the Lower Valley, and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. C. A. Smith, D. D. to the Church of East Orange. That on the 2d of July, they received Chalmers D. Chapman a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery of Highland, and on the same day, licensed him to preach the Gospel—that on the 17th of September they dismissed the Rev. J. S. Evans to join the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and on the same day gave leave to the Rev. D. E. Megie to resign his pastoral charge of the Church of Boonton—that on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. H. F. Hickok and the 2d Church of Orange, and dismissed Mr. Hickok to join the Presbytery of Cayuga—also, on the same day, dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John Heberle to the German Church of Meyersville.

Respectfully submitted :

By order of Presbytery,

B. C. MEGIE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Newark report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of Forty-one Ministers, and have under their care Twenty-two Churches, Five Licentiates, and Twenty-four Candidates ;

They further report that on the 16th of April, 1872, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. H. N. Brinsmade, D. D. and the Wickliffe Church, Newark, and passed a Minute expressive of their feeling in view of their venerable brother's retirement from the pastoral work after so

many years of useful service—that on the same day they received under their care as a Candidate for the Ministry, Mr. J. H. McIlvaine—that on the 17th of April, they received the Rev. Ellis J. Newlin, D. D. from the Presbytery of Lehigh, and on the same day licensed L. F. Stearns, Wm. L. Findley and John E. Peters to preach the Gospel—that on the 22d of July they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Walter Condict and the Calvary Church, Newark—that on the 1st of October they received Robert H. Williams under their care as a Candidate for the Ministry, from the Presbytery of Northumberland—that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George C. Seibert, D. D. and the Third German Church, Newark, in order that Dr. Seibert might give his exclusive attention to the German Theological School as one of its Professors. Presbytery on the same day gave permission to the Third German Church to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. Osear Kraft before the United Evangelical Synod of the West—that on the 2d of October the Rev. George Brayton was received from the Presbytery of Jersey City, and a call from the Calvary Church, Newark, was placed in his hands—Presbytery having received notice that Arthur H. Smith, a Licentiate of this Presbytery had been ordained as a Foreign Missionary by a Council of the Congregational Church without taking his Certificate from this Presbytery, it was *Ordered*, That his name be stricken from the roll of Licentiates.

By order of Presbytery,

PRENTISS DE VEUVE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of Fifty-eight Ministers, and have under their care Twenty-nine Churches, Nineteen Licentiates, and Twenty-one Candidates.

Presbytery further report that on the 25th of October, 1871, they installed the Rev. George L. Smith, Pastor of the Church at Ewing—that on the 6th of February, 1872, they received the following Candidates for licensure under their care, viz: Mr. Johnson McGaughy from the Presbytery of Kitanning and Mr. Charles H. Asay from the Presbytery of Monmouth—also Messrs. Horace C. Stanton, Robert J. Beattie and John J. Richards—that on the 20th of February, they installed the Rev. John H. Scofield, Pastor of the 1st Church, Amwell—that they received Lewis H. Meyers, as a Candidate for licensure on the 10th of April, and on the same day they received the Rev. John S. Gilmer from the Presbytery of Chester, and installed him Pastor of the Titusville Church on the 29th of the same month. That on the 10th of April they licensed Messrs. James Rosbough, Leander G. Maeneill, B. C. Henry, Donald K. Campbell, Thomas B. McLeod, Albert C. Titus, J. Q. Adams Fullerton, Edward Hawes, David Magill, Charles Langlots, Andrew Dowsley, James McCall, Edward Vincent, and Andrew Whiting to preach the Gospel—that on the 1st of October, they received the Rev. John Woodbridge, D. D. from the Presbytery of Albany, and dissolved the relation between the Rev. Spencer L. Finney and the 2d Church of Princeton—that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. T. Osler, and the Church at Kingwood, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Lehigh. That also, on the same day they received Mr. William Stewart, as a Candidate for licensure under their care—that on the 2d of October they received Mr. David Kirby Miller, from the Presbytery of Simcoe, Canada, as a Candidate for licensure.

They further report that they have dismissed the following Licentiates and Candidates to put themselves under the care of the Presbyteries named, at the dates specified:

LICENTIATES DISMISSED.

John M. Richmond, February 12th, 1872, to Presbytery of Columbus.
 J. Henderson Miller, Mar. 16th, 1872, to “ “ Topeka.

Henry Neill, Jr., April 5th, 1872,	to	Presbytery of Troy.
Donald K. Campbell, April 11th, 1872,	to	“ Phil. Central.
Edward Vincent, April 11th, 1872,	to	“ Ottawa, Canada.
Leander G. Macneill, April 11th, 1872,	to	“ Pr. Edwards Isl'd
David Magill, April 17th, 1872.	to	“ Templepatrick, Ireland.
Isaac S. Simpson, April 17th, 1872,	to	“ Pictou, Nova Sa.
Albert Whiting, April 18th, 1872,	to	“ Perth, Ontario, Canada.
Albert C. Titus, June 13th, 1872.	to	“ Carlisle.
Joseph L. Potter, August 13th, 1872,	to	“ Cincinnatti.

CANDIDATES DISMISSED.

James Frazer, April 10th, 1872, Presbytery of Chester.

John W. Elliot, “ 11th, “ “ “ Elizabeth.

By order of Presbytery,

A. L. ARMSTRONG, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of Thirty-seven Ministers, and have under their care Thirty-four Churches and Seven Candidates.

They further report that on the 17th of October, 1871, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Peres B. Bonney to the Church of Branchville, and that on the same day they received under their care Mr. John W. Creveling, as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry—that on the 14th of November, they received the Rev. William B. McKee from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the Rev. Edward Webb from the Presbytery of New Castle—that on the 21st of the same month they ordained Mr. David Conway, a Licentiate under their care to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Asbury—that on the 28th of the same month, they installed the Rev. Edward Webb, Pastor of the Church of Andover—that on the 7th of December, the Rev. William B. McKee was installed Pastor of the Church of Sparta—that on the 17th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William C. Stitt to the

Church of Yellow Frame and dismissed him to join the Classis of Paramus, and that on the same day they received the Rev. James Petrie and the Rev. Daniel F. Lockerby from the Presbytery of Monmouth, and the Rev. J. Kirby Davis from the Presbytery of Lehigh; took under their care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, Mr. William C. Tully, and organized the Church of Delanco—that on the following day they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. T. B. Condit to the Church of Stillwater—that on the 26th of April, they installed the Rev. James Petrie Pastor of the Church of Montana. The Presbytery further report that on the 2d of May they received the Rev. Caleb H. Rodney from the Presbytery of West Jersey—that on the same day they ordained Mr. Jethro B. Woodward a Licentiate under their care, to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of LaFayette—that they received under their care Mr. William H. Belden, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Branchville—that on the 10th of the same month the Rev. Caleb H. Rodney was installed Pastor of the Church of Marksboro—that on the 14th of the same month the REV. JOEL CAMPBELL was removed by death at LaFayette, at the age of 76—that on the following day, (15th of May,) the Rev. Daniel F. Lockerby was installed Pastor of the United Churches of Knowlton, Hope and Delaware, that on the 3d of June, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. David Tully to the First Church of Belvidere, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Syracuse—that on the 18th of July, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Joseph H. Doremus, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and that on the 23d of September, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William Laurie to the Church of Stewartsville, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Geneva.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,
E. CLARK CLINE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of Thirty-six Ministers, and have under their care Thirty-eight Churches, One Licentiate and Three Candidates:

The Presbytery further report that on the 11th of October 1871, Mr. Joseph D. Wilson a Licentiate under their care was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed Pastor of the Church of Millville—that on the 7th of November they ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry, Mr. George H. Stuart Campbell also a Licentiate under their care, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Williamstown—that on the 22d of November they organized a Church at Haddonfield with 22 members—that on the 28th of December they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. George Warrington to the Church of Glassborough, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick, that on the 7th of March 1872, they dismissed the Rev. S. W. Pratt to join the Presbytery of Steuben—that on the 12th of March, they installed the Rev. W. W. Mc Nair Pastor of the 2d Church of Cedarville—that on the 21st of March, they organized the First Presbyterian Church of Merchantville with 15 members—that on the 16th of April, they dismissed the Rev. C. H. Rodney to join the Presbytery of Newton, and the Rev. Levi H. Parsons to the Presbytery of North River and received the Rev. W. A. Ferguson from the Presbytery of Chester, and on the 20th of May installed him Pastor of the Church of Pittsgrove—that on the 17th of April they received the Rev. George Warrington, on returning his certificate—that on the same day they received the Rev. Franklin D. Austin from the Aroostook conference of Congregational Churches, and licensed Winfield Scott Stiles, a Candidate under their care to preach the Gospel—that on the 2d of May, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. R. J. Burt to the Church of Woodstown, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Monmouth—that on the 2d of October they received the Rev. S. N. Howell from the Presbytery of Boston—dismissed the

Rev. T. W. Cattell, D. D. to join the Presbytery of Chester—restored the name of the Rev. E. D. Newberry to their roll upon the return of his credentials, granted him one year ago, and at their own request, for reasons of ill health, erased the names of Lewis Howell and William E. Miller from the roll of Candidates under their care.

By order of Presbytery,
EDWARD P. SHIELDS, STATED CLERK.

The Moderator announced the Synodical Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, as follows:

Rev. A. H. Brown, Presbytery of West Jersey.

“ Dr. Craven,	“	“ Newark.
“ Dr. Imbrie,	“	“ Jersey City.
“ Dr. Sheddan,	“	“ Elizabeth.
“ B. S. Everitt,	“	“ Monmouth.
“ I. A. French,	“	“ Morris and Orange.
“ Dr. Gosman,	“	“ New Brunswick.
“ H. B. Scott,	“	“ Newton.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod, be and are hereby tendered to the Citizens of Trenton and vicinity for the cordial and abundant hospitality with which the members of this body have been favored during their Sessions in this City. Also, to the Managers of those Railroads, who have given to the members of the Synod tickets at reduced rates and return tickets free of charge.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the Janitor's bill, amounting to ten dollars.

The roll was then called, and the following members of Synod were recorded as absent without leave:

Messrs. Harkness, H. W. Hunt, Dr. Blauvelt, Dr. Rankin, Messrs. Reinhart, Patterson, Ewing, Peck, E. G. Read, Mc Connell, Briggs, Harvey, Doty, Cory, Hope, Marsh, Cross, Littell, Eddy. Mc Nulty, Marshall, Kern, Borchers, Halsey, Ivison, Sherman, Vermilye, Morse, Brocking, Dunn,

Todd, Howe, Worrell, Dashiell, Chandler, Everitt, Burt Chambers. Murphy, Semple, Wyckoff, Mc Donald, Van Doren, De Hart, Colfelt, Vanderbeek, Irwin, Conklin, Parker, Brewster, Freeman, Blauvelt, Fox, Heberle, Worcester, Cook, Beach, Hedges, Abbott, Thompson, Wilson, Mc Ilvaine, Frissell, Few Smith, Seibert, Pollock, Mandeville, Atwater, Carrell, Rogers, Gilmer, Scofield, Randolph, Swan, Schenk, Case, Drake, Fisher, Burd, Webb, Simanton, Barret, Scott, Byington, Jelly, Shipman, Curtis, Vail, Morrow, Kinney, Fritz, Mc Nair, Baker, Brace, Beadle, Ferguson, Campbell, C. Newcomb, I. M. Newcomb, Martin, Barber.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Mansfield Church, Washington, Warren County, on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1873, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Benediction.

RAVAUD K. RODGERS, STATED CLERK.

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